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TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the First Gds Mees Army 25X1

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. Between 31 August and 4 September 1955, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf (1601) was occupied as previously. The previous impression that the signal unit was no longer stationed in the south section of the installation, could not be confirmed. This barracks section continued to be occupied by 80 to 100 soldiers who wore blue-bordered black epaulets; 200 to 300 telephone poles were seen at the storage area which had been unoccupied for some time.¹ The rocket launcher unit quartered in the north and central sections of the installation numbered an estimated 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Twelve rocket launchers were seen in the installation. Part of the vehicle sheds were still vacant.² 25X1

2. Between 31 August and 4 September, no activities were observed in the Bohnitzsch Kaserne (1602) in Meissen. Sixty to 80 percent of the windows of the headquarters building were repeatedly lighted at dusk. No sentries were observed. The gates were probably opened only if necessary. 25X1

3. A battery of gun howitzers and a second battery of heavy AT guns were allegedly loaded at the Koenigsbrueck-West railroad station during the night of 14/15 August. At about 0700 on 16 August, a troop train with 15 field howitzers, 30 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 AA machine gun and 5 to 6 boxcarloads of personnel passed through the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station and proceeded toward Schwepnitz. At about 1800 on 19 August, 6 field howitzers and 25 to 30 trucks were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station.⁴ 25X1
On 23 August, 17 T-34/85 tanks and 1 salvage tank were unloaded at the Koenigsbrueck-Ost railroad station and subsequently left toward the training grounds.⁵

4. Between 1930 and 2015 on 26 August, two different unidentified types of AA guns, 6 of each type, were observed in Neues Lager (1523) near Koenigsbrueck. Prior to 2300, intensive traffic was observed on the Koenigsbrueck-Neues Lager road. Traffic guides directed the vehicles into the south section of the camp.

5. At about 0615 on 27 August, an AA unit passed through Dresden en route from the direction of Koenig Georg (1304) and Grenadier Kaserne (1306) and went toward Koenigsbrueck. The

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personnel, 20 trucks with ammunition boxes and billeting equipment and 3 trucks with trailers, presumably searchlights. [redacted] 6

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6. On 13 August, an artillery and a tank unit bought an 8-day supply of commissary goods at Neues Lager (1523) in Koenigsbrueck. The artillery unit and the tank unit were to leave in the evening of 14 and 15 August, respectively. Another artillery unit bought an 8-day supply of commissary goods on 15 August. The units had apparently been transferred for exercises, probably in the Luckenwalde area, since empty bottles showed labels of Luckenwalde shops. Soviet soldiers [redacted] bought cucumbers in Luckenwalde. 4

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7. [redacted] units from the Schmorkau summer camp had been stationed in the Karl-Marx-Stadt area between 6 and 14 August. 7

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8. Lieutenant Colonel Kaliberda (phonetical spelling) (fnu) was mentioned as new chief of rear services in Neues Lager (1523). [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Maiburovy (phonetical spelling) (fnu) was first lieutenant (med) of this unit. 8

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9. On 8 September, 7 to 9 M-13 rocket launchers and 5 to 6 trucks and repair shops trucks were seen in the former army ammunition depot at Zeithain. Ammunition boxes were piled up under a lean-to roof. 9

10. At 0900 on 1 September, a troop train arrived at the Roederau railroad station from the direction of Riesa and presumably proceeded to Falkenberg. The train carried 11 T-54 tanks, 6 trucks and 2 field kitchens and included 2 flatcars with sideracks with ammunition boxes, 2 flatcars and 2 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. 10

At 1000 on 26 August, 2 DUKW-353 type amphibious vehicles and 3 old motorboats on trucks [redacted] were loaded with crane truck [redacted] at the Roederau railroad station. The shipment left for Riesa. 8

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11. At 1100 on 26 August, some 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets reconditioned steel pontoons in front of the sheds of Mudra Kaserne (1801) in Riesa. The same observation was made on 30 August. Beams and boards were being cut. 11

1. [redacted] Comment. The bulk of the u/i Sig Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army was apparently still employed in line construction or was absent from the post for exercises. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. Major elements of the u/i rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army were apparently stationed in the installation; the rest were presumably at exercises or firing practices outside of the post.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The 45th Gds Tank Regt and the 1018th AAA Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div are believed to be still stationed at Koenigsbrueck and/or the Wustrow AAA firing range. [redacted]

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4. [redacted] Comment. Elements of the u/i Arty Brig of the First Gds Mecz Army were stationed at the Jueterbog/Forst Zinna training grounds between 14 and 19 August (3 shipments). [redacted] The transfer of a tank unit at the same time has not been observed.

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5. [redacted] Comment. A tank firing detail of the 44th Gds Tank Regt, which had been entrained on 6 August, probably returned, presumably from Letzling Heath.

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6. [redacted] Comment. It cannot be determined, whether the AAA column which was observed in Dresden on 27 August involved returning elements of the regiments of the 4th Gds AA Div stationed in Neues Lager at Koenigsbrueck or if elements of the regiments of the above-mentioned division carried in the Hermann Goering Kaserne (1302) in Dresden-Klotzsche transferred to the Koenigsbrueck training grounds.

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- ~~9. [redacted] ~~Comment. The rocket launchers presumably belonged~~~~ 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. No confirmatory information is available.
8. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1
 There are traffic connections between Koenigsbrueck and Dresden-Neustadt.
 The names of the two lieutenant colonels [redacted] are mentioned 25X1
 for the first time. One Colonel Kershakov has so far been reported as chief
 of rear services [redacted] 25X1
9. [redacted] Comment. The rocket launchers presumably belonged to the u/1 RL Bn of
 the 9th Tank Div believed to be stationed in Zeithain. 25X1
10. [redacted] Comment. This may have been a tank firing detail of the 9th Tank Div,
 which was transferred to Letzling Heath. [redacted] a 25X1
 similar shipment arrived in Hillersleben at 1950 on 1 September. 25X1
11. [redacted] Comment. The crane truck belongs to the Engr Bn of the 9th Tank Div, 25X1
 [redacted] the other 2 trucks to the Dresden post of the First Gds Mecz 25X1
 Army. Observations in the Mudra Kaserne tend to indicate that the Engr Bn
 of the 9th Tank Div was stationed in the installation prior to 26 August.

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